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SUBJ: MBFR: DATA ISSUES: SPC MEETING MAY 21

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1. AT MAY 21 SPC MEETING, U.S. REP (MOORE) STATED U.S. VIEWS ON AN SPC MANDATE TO THE MBFR WORKING GROUP REGARDING DATA ISSUES. HE DREW ON REF A IN ITS ENTIRETY EXCEPT FOR THE FYI SENTENCE IN PARA 2. IN VIEW OF THE U.S. WISH NOT TO ENGAGE IN AN EXCHANGE OF EQUIPMENT DATA WITH THE EAST (PARA 3 D, REF B), AND IN VIEW OF CONSENSUS AMONG OTHER ALLIES AT LAST SPC MEETING TO EXCLUDE EQUIPMENT FROM THE MANDATE, (REF C), U.S. REP INSERTED THE WORD "MANPOWER" INTO THE SECOND PHRASE OF THE DRAFT MANDATE IN PARA 7, REF A, SO THAT THIS PHRASE WOULD READ "... THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD REVIEW THE POSSIBLE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF A RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE OF VARIOUS TYPES OF MANPOWER DATA...".

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IN ADDITION, IN VIEW OF THE U.S. VIEWS ON RELEASE OF NATO INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES OF PACT STRENGTH IN PARA 4, REF A, U.S. REP SAID U.S. WOULD NOT WANT WG TO START WORK ON LATTER ISSUE BEFORE COMING BACK TO SPC.

2. CANADIAN REP (BARLEMAN) SAID CANADA COULD HAVE ACCEPTED THE DRAFT MANDATE WORKED OUT AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING (REF C), AND THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD PROBABLY BE EVEN MORE PLEASED WITH THE MORE SPECIFIC U.S. DRAFT MANDATE. FRG REP (HOYNCK) SAID THAT THE FRG COULD ALSO HAVE ACCEPTED THE DRAFT MANDATE WORKED OUT AT THE LAST MEETING, AND HE THOUGHT THE FRG COULD GO ALONG WITH THE U.S. DRAFT MANDATE AS WELL.

3. UK REP (LOGAN) SAID THE UK WOULD CONSIDER THE U.S. PROPOSAL CAREFULLY. HE NOTED THAT THE UK WANTED A WIDE MANDATE FOR THE WG, IN ORDER TO HELP TO PREPARE THE SPC TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO THE AHG ON HOW TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS POSSIBLE EASTERN CHALLENGES OF DATA TABLED BY THE ALLIES. THE ALLIES NEED TO PLAN FOR THE VARIOUS CONTINGENCIES. THE UK COULD HAVE AGREED WITH THE SHORT MANDATE WORKED OUT AT THE LAST MEETING. HE SAID ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT HE DID NOT SEE HOW THE U.S. PROPOSAL LINKS WITH LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS IN VIENNA. IN ANY DATA DISCUSSION, THE PACT IS LIKELY TO REVERT TO THE QUESTION OF ANOMALIES, AND TO THE QUESTION OF TANK DATA. THE SPC SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO FIRE QUICKLY TO THE AHG THE MATERIAL IT NEEDS TO ANSWER POSSIBLE EASTERN CHALLENGES. HE SAID THAT THE UK THINKS THAT EQUIPMENT IS AMONG THE FIRST CATEGORIES OF DATA WHICH THE PACT WILL RAISE. (COMMENT: LOGAN THUS APPEARED TO BE BACKTRACKING FROM UK ACCEPTANCE AT PREVIOUS MEETING OF EXCLUDING EQUIPMENT FROM THE MANDATE TO THE WG.)

4. CANADIAN REP, QUALIFYING HIS EARLIER REMARKS, SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT CONTINGENCY STUDIES IN WG ON MEETING EASTERN CHALLENGES. ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY UK REP.

5. U.S. REP OBSERVED THAT WHEN THE SPC REQUESTS MILITARY-TECHNICAL ADVICE FROM THE WG, IT IS NORMALLY WITH RESPECT TO SPC CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC GUIDANCE TO AHG. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE TO GIVE THE WG A MANDATE ASKING IT TO ANTICIPATE AND MAKE JUDGMENTS ON THE WIDE ARRAY OF
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HYPOTHETICAL EASTERN CHALLENGES, WHICH ARE POSSIBLE, RE TABLED ALLIED DATA.

6. FRG REP REITERATED THAT FRG DOES NOT FAVOR WIDE MANDATE TO WG, BUT RATHER A RESTRICTED MANDATE. ALLIES SHOULD FOLLOW STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH ON DATA ISSUES. A WIDE MANDATE FOR THE WG COULD CREATE THE IMPRESSION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE OF PREPARING FALL-BACK POSITIONS. HE SAID THAT HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND THE APPROACH SUGGESTED BY THE UK REP, WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE WG TO CONSIDER MANY HYPOTHESES. SUCH HYPOTHESES WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SUBSTANTIATE, AND MIGHT NEVER COME DOWN TO REALITY.

7. UK REP REPLIED THAT IF THE WG WERE ALLOWED TO LOOK AT

SECURITY ASPECTS OF EASTERN TANK FIGURES, AND FIGURES CONNECTED WITH ANOMALIES, THIS WOULD BE IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSALS ALREADY MADE BY THE ALLIES, AND COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS PREPARATION OF FALL-BACK POSITIONS.

8. UK REP STATED THAT HE WOULD CIRCULATE A STATEMENT BASED ON HIS REMARKS, AND WOULD ALSO CIRCULATE IN SPC THE PAPER THE UK HAD PREPARED FOR WG CONSIDERATION, IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE SPC IN DECIDING ON A MANDATE TO THE WG (MISSION WILL TRANSMIT SEPTTEL UPON RECEIPT).

9. ACTION REQUESTED; IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 27: ANY FURTHER COMMENT WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO MAKE, IN LIGHT OF UK REMARKS DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND UK STATEMENT AND PAPER TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.BRUCE

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